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Florida High School Declamatory Contest For Gold Medals

TO BE HELD AT DELAND, FLORIDA, DECEMBER 31st, 1909, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE DELAND LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR THE F. E. A.

To the High School Principals of Florida:

Dear Sirs:

At a recent meeting of the DeLand Local Committee for the Florida State Educational Association I was authorized to announce that medals would be provided by this Local Committee to the winners in a declamatory contest which will be held here at DeLand on Friday, Dec. 31st—immediately following the completion of the official programme of the F. E. A.

Please observe that under the tariffs issued by the various railroad companies the high school students participating in this contest and all other persons interested in the contest, will be given the same excursion rates as members of the Association, i. e., one fare plus 25 cents for the round trip. Tickets can be bought as early as Dec. 26th, and will be good for return leaving DeLand as late as January 1, 1910. Special hotel rates will be provided for those taking part in the contest just as for the delegates to the Convention.

The rules under which the contest will be conducted are here given:

RULES FOR CONTEST.

I—This Contest shall be open to undergraduate regular pupils of the high schools of the State of Florida.

II—The term "High School" in this Contest shall be understood to include 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades of regularly organized Junior and Senior High Schools.

III—"Regular Pupils" shall be understood to mean those who are in regular attendance and pursuing the full course as prescribed by the County for the grade in which they may be enrolled.

IV—Contestants must have been in regular attendance upon the school in which they are enrolled for at least 60 days prior to the date of the contest.

V—The contest shall be held in DeLand, Fla., commencing at 8:30 A. M., Friday, Dec. 31, 1909.

VI—The number of Judges shall be three and their decision shall be based upon enunciation, general effectiveness, personality and stage appearance of the contestants. Each judge shall without the knowledge of the grades of the other judges, grade each contestant separately, and shall hand such grades to the Chairman of the DeLand Local Committee for the F. E. A., who, with three High School Principals appointed by him, shall make an average for each contestant of the grades submitted by the three judges. In case no more than twelve (12) contestants enter, a single contest will be conducted and one medal awarded to the boy contestant, who is given the highest average grade among the boys participating in the contest, and one medal will be given to the girl contestant who is given the highest average grade among the girls participating in the contest.

This contest will come off on the morning immediately following the last public session of the F. E. A. so that all who wish to witness the contest may do so and still leave DeLand for their homes on the first day trains leaving the City after the Public Reception which will be tendered by the Citizens of DeLand.

You are earnestly requested to send a representative of your high school to participate in this contest. The judges will be representative educators of Florida selected because of their special fitness to pass on the merits of this contest. All high school students participating in this contest or visiting the convention will have an opportunity to hear distinguished speakers and to meet the leading educators of the State from all the high schools, academies and colleges.

The people of DeLand—and especially the members of this committee—will take pleasure in showing special courtesies to these young people while visiting the Association and the City.

Respectfully,

THEODORE D. CULP,

Principal DeLand Public Schools and Chairman DeLand Local Committee for the F. E. A.

CORONADO

Mrs. Minnie Lopez, of St. Augustine, a cousin of Mrs. Barber, stopped overnight to visit on her way home from Miami.

Mr. Demaree, Mr. Delahunter, Mr. Snider and Mr. France went out to Red Shell after bass. Each man was lucky, getting a fine fish. Mr. France caught his first bass, weighing 23 pounds, of which he was justly proud. Mr. Snider went him one better, getting a 24 pounder. That is some sport for one day.

Will Webster and Gilbert went up to Daytona in their launch after barrels, brought back a big load, only losing two on the way down, and the water rough at that.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunham, from Detroit, Mich., arrived this week and will stop some time at the Barber house.

Mr. Bishop, from Lexington, Ky., will spend a week here at the Atlantic hotel before going on to Eden, where he will spend the winter.

Notice of the death of Mr. Gosser, of Mortonsville, Ky., on November 25 was received Monday. It occurred at his daughter's home near Versailles, after a long illness. Many friends here are left to mourn him. He was known as an expert sheephead fisherman. His pleasant ways and kind words endeared him to all he met.

Dr. McDonald went to Jacksonville for a few days on business.

Mrs. Chas. Miller has come to spend a few days at the Barber House, from

DeLand, bringing a nice box of oranges along as a Thanksgiving gift for Mrs. Barber.

Mr. Cary Elwes has gone up to Jacksonville for a few days on pleasure bent. Mrs. Harold Vrooman's sister, Mrs. Willis, and her son, from Los Angeles, Calif., arrived recently, and will visit here for the winter.

Lloyd Vrooman, wife and children have come to eat Thanksgiving turkey with his parents, also to shake hands with old friends.

Capt. Slavens was lucky enough to land a big shark with one of his new hooks. The shark was 5 feet long and weighed 68 pounds. Many folks viewed it and had their pictures taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill, who have their winter home in Daytona, are staying for a few days at the Barber House.

INSTALLATION SERVICES.

Rev. C. H. Ferran Formally Installed as Pastor Presbyterian Church.

The First Presbyterian church of DeLand formally installed Rev. C. H. Ferran as their pastor on Wednesday night. Prayer meeting services in other churches were suspended and the various congregations attended the installation services.

The installation service was conducted by Rev. McKinnon, of Sanford. Rev. Cooper, of Umatilla, delivered the charge to the pastor.

The charge to the people was given by Elder D. L. Thrasher, of Sanford.

Curtis W. Noble.

Curtis W. Noble, aged 74 years, died at Houston, Tex., on Saturday, November 28, at 2011 Leeland avenue. The funeral services will be held this afternoon from the residence at 3 o'clock. Rev. Dr. William State Jacobs officiating. Interment will be in Hollywood cemetery.

Those who have been selected as pallbearers are as follows: W. L. Barley, J. H. Townsend, R. R. Boggs, John Collins, R. Reynolds and A. Sodich.

Deceased was one of the oldest residents of Houston, having come to this city in 1840, where he has since resided. He is survived by three sons, R. F. W. L. and W. S. Noble, and by one daughter, Mrs. L. M. Andres.—Houston, Texas, exchange.

On the evening of Friday, December 17, St. Barnabas Guild of the Episcopal church will give a "Country Party," in the form of a dance, at the Putnam. It will be for the benefit of the Episcopal church, and will be a most attractive party in every way. There will be an orchestra, and refreshments. The grand march will be led by one of the prominent society women of the city.

"I'd like some fly specks," said the man at the cafe.

"Sir?" asked the waiter, haughtily. "Haven't you got fly specks?" asked the man.

"No, sir," said the waiter.

"Then," said the man, "take them off the bill of fare."—New York Press

THE WOMAN'S CLUB.

The Florida State Federation of Woman's Clubs recently in session in Palatka, emphasized the importance of Civic Improvement.

Civic beauty and commercial advancement are twin promoters of a community's best development. Civic improvement looking to creating the town beautiful is an important factor and requires the co-operation of all citizens.

While attractive homes and front yards, beautiful trees and clean streets are indispensable, it is equally necessary that all useless, unsightly objects be removed from every traveled thoroughfare, from the surroundings of public buildings and stores, from vacant lots, side and back yards. Take a stroll in any direction in our little city, many discreditable spots may be seen.

The Civic Department of the Woman's club of DeLand has been requested to send to the Civic Department of the State Federation a photo of the most unsightly spot in DeLand. How fine it would be to truthfully say "there is not one." A hint to the wise is sufficient.

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On December 7, at 3 p. m., the meeting of the Woman's Club will be in charge of the Literary Department, Mrs. G. P. Carson, chairman.

The program promises to be one of interest and will follow the line of study pursued by this department, which is, Travel Study of England.

Important Meeting Woman's Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Barnabas church will meet on Monday, December 6, at 3:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all church women visitors in the city to attend this meeting. The directors request The News to publicly thank the ladies who so generously donated articles for the barrel of clothes sent to Kentucky, and to the box of groceries sent to the Church Home and Hospital in Orlando.

A Splendid Entertainment.

Only a very small number attended the entertainment given by the Alkahest Ladies Quartette in the public school auditorium Friday night. Those who were present, however, were delighted, and regretted that their friends missed such a good time. Prof. Culp wants to have a number of similar entertainments this year, but the slim attendance of last Friday night rather discourages him.

Catholic Entertainment.

A supper and musical will be given on Tuesday, December 14, for the benefit of the Catholic church in the magnificent new store building of G. A. Dreka. This entertainment will be held by the ladies of the Altar Society, of which Mrs. Will Allen is the energetic president. It will be high class in every respect and everyone should come out to see the first event in the grand new store. Remember date; fuller information next week.

LOCAL RAILWAY SCHEDULE.

The following schedule is published for the benefit of the traveling public.

A. C. Line.

Trains Leave—
Southbound—1:35 and 3:15 p. m.
Northbound—12:10 and 3:10 p. m.
DeLand Junction:
Northbound—2:40 a. m.
Southbound—1:40 a. m.

Trains Arrive:
From South—1:10 and 3:10 p. m.
From North—1:35 and 3:15 p. m.
Hacks meet all night trains at Junction.

F. E. C. Railway.

Arrive Orange City—11:50 a. m., 4:25 p. m.
Leave Orange City—12:50 and 5:30 p. m.
Hacks meet all trains.

Clyde Line River.

Boats arrive DeLand Landing 5 or 6 a. m.
Boats arrive Beresford, 12 to 2 p. m.
Hacks meet all boats.

A GREAT MUSICAL EVENT.

Gaul's Great Oratorio, Joan of Arc, to Have Fine Presentation on Friday, December 10.

Joan of Arc, The Maid of Orleans, was born at Domremy, January 6, 1412. Domremy is a village on the River Meuse, in the province of Vosges, France.

The Oratorio opens with a May festival at Domremy, the home of Joan. Joan, however, is absent, and Philip, in love with Joan, laments her absence. Joan finally comes but takes no part in the festivities. She is brooding over the woes of France. She is summoned by Spirit Voices to take up the cause of France and fight for its freedom—Joan leaves the village, and urged by the dictates of her "Voices," seeks the aid of the Governor of Vaucouleurs. He pays little heed to her at first, but finally, Stirred by her revelations, gives her aid.

Joan assumes man's garb (a necessary protection at this period), puts on a suit of armor, buckles on a sword, and with horse and banner, accompanied by several brave knights, hastens on to besieged Orleans.

Their way is full of peril, rivers are unfordable, and it is necessary to sleep in strange woods and travel in strange and unfrequented spots. Cien is passed. The music depicts the villagers all agog over her coming and going—and the chorus, "A Shepherd Maid has passed," reflects to a large degree the patriotism of the villagers and their faith in the new leader.

Joan and her faithful followers finally reach Orleans. The enemy's outposts through fear, make no attempt to stop her from entering the city. The siege is raised—Joan goes to the cathedral to give thanks. Other victories follow. At Compiegne, however, reversal comes; the French are driven back—retreating to the drawbridge of the town which, either by treachery or cowardice, is closed on Joan, who is taken to Rouen, tried, condemned and led to the stake for execution May, 1431.

The splendid music, written by Gaul, carries the story along graphically from scene to scene. The music fits the story, word for word. Gaul has taken advantage of every situation and built up dramatic climaxes not surpassed by any modern composer.

The work requires good interpretation—the pathetic, emotional, wild and dramatic, must be worked out.

A close listener will feel, however, that great religious fervor pervades the entire work.

Miss Lena Conkling will assume the part of Joan. She has been working earnestly and faithfully on this work and she will virtually live the part of Joan in singing the great music.

H. G. Wilmshurst, tenor, will sing the part of Philip. Mr. Wilmshurst is a reliable singer and will give a good account of himself.

Mr. Arthur Milam will sing the baritone parts.

Mrs. C. B. Rosa is daily rehearsing a splendid orchestra to accompany the soloists and chorus. Mrs. C. S. Farris, a thoroughly reliable pianist and accompanist, will be at the piano.

Mrs. Geo. Selden will play the organ. Her splendid work in the Elijah will long be remembered.

Prof. John W. Phillips will conduct the performance.

Statistics show that there are 40,000 more married men than married women in the United States. At first blush that looks like a self-contradictory statement; but it isn't. The discrepancy arises by reason of the fact that a great many men in the United States—immigrants—have left their wives in the countries from which they came.

In Philadelphia grafting has been reduced to a science, and no possible means of extracting graft is overlooked. Some of the court attendants have been found peddling admission tickets to criminal trials where dirty cases were being heard.